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FOLLOWING REPEAT SECSTATE 198379 SENT ACTION GENEVA INFO OSLO
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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 198379

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SUBJECT: ILO: PRESIDENCY OF MARITIME CONFERENCE

REF: (A) STATE 192093, (B) GENEVA 6371, (C) GENEVA 6387,
(D) 3124 OTTAWA

1. DEPT HAS NO PROBLEMS WITH HAREIDE CANDIDACY PROVIDED HE
IS CANDIDATE OF EC-9. US BELIEVES HAREIDE HANDLED PRE-
PARATORY MARITIME CONFERENCE VERY WELL AND WOULD MAKE EX-
CELLENT CONFERENCE PRESIDENT. AS NOTED PARA 3, REF (A), US
STILL ATTACHES GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO BLOCKING ELECTION OF
EASTERN EUROPEAN CANDIDATE. DEPT HAS RECEIVED NO DEFINITE
REPORTS OF SPECIFIC COUNTRIES FIRMLY OPPOSED TO HAREIDE
CANDIDACY.

2. MISOFF MAY INFORM DUTCH PERMREP THAT US WOULD LIKE TO
SEE PREVIOUSLY DIVIDED EC-9 SUPPORT, REF (C), NOW CONSOLI-
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DATE BEHIND HAREIDE. PRESENT INFO INFCATES HAREIDE IS

ELECTABLE. MISOFF MAY ALSO INFORM DUTCH PERMREP US BELIEVES HAREIDE TECHNICALLY KNOWLEDGABLE OF CONFERENCE MATERIAL AND WELL QUALIFIED TO HANDLE DEMANDS OF PRESIDING OVER CONFERENCE. SUPPORT FOR THIS BELIEF CAN BE GAINED FROM HAREIDE PERFORMANCE AT PREPARATORY CONFERENCE. PRIMARY US OBJECTIVE TO BLOCK ELECTION OF POLISH CANDIDATE. US CONCERNED OF POSSIBILITY OF ANOTHER (ASIAN) CANDIDATE EMERGING.

3. DEPT PREFERS AT THIS POINT TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS ON SUBJECT PRIMARILY WITH EC-9 AND NOT WITH ILO SECRETARIAT. THEREFORE, MISSION REQUESTED REFRAIN FROM DETAILED DISCUSSIONS WITH BLANCHARD ON THIS MATTER. MISSION REQUESTED NOT TO COMMENT ON QUESTION OF EAST EUROPEAN FOR VICE PRESIDENCY.

4. MISS OFF REQUESTED TO REPORT BACK RESULTS OF EC-9 MEETING TO DEPT SOONEST.

5. ALL ADDRESSEES REQUESTED TO ADVISE DEPT OF ANY SUSPECTED OPPOSITION TO HAREIDE CANDIDACY ASAP. ROBINSON UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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